

Please add the following new claim:

9. The pressure-sensitive adhesive sheet for surface protection according to Claim 1, wherein the layer B further contains an ethylene/butene-1 copolymer.

REMARKS

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) application of application Serial No. 09/787,157.

Claims 1-8 are currently pending in the subject application. Claim 1 is amended in the instant preliminary amendment. Claim 9 has been added. Amendments to claim 1 and added claim 9 are supported by the specification as filed. No new matter has been added by virtue of these amendments. The Applicant requests that the Examiner enter the instant preliminary amendment to the claims.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendments, Applicant respectfully requests early consideration and allowance of the subject application.

Applicant believes that additional fees are not required for consideration of the within Preliminary Amendment. However, if for any reason a fee is required, a fee paid is inadequate or credit is owed for any excess fee paid, you are hereby authorized and requested to charge Deposit Account No. **04-1105**.

Respectfully submitted,

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